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SUBJECT: U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY ASSISTANCE TO SUDAN

1. USGS HAS INDICATED WILLINGNESS TO CONSIDER A COOPERATIVE PROGRAM IN SUDAN SIMILAR TO PROGRAM CONDUCTED FOR MANY YEARS IN SAUDI ARABIA TO HELP STRENGTHEN SUDAN'S GEOLOGICAL MAPPING AND RESOURCES APPRAISAL PROGRAMS AND CAPABILITIES. USGS WOULD WELCOME OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE CLOSER CONTACTS WITH SUDAN GEOLOGICAL INSTITUTIONS AND SCIENTISTS THROUGH SUCH A PROGRAM.

2. SCOPE OF COOPERATION PROGRAM WOULD DEPEND ON NEEDS AND INTERESTS OF SUDANESE BUT COULD INVOLVE BOTH PARTICIPATION BY USGS SPECIALISTS ON JOINT DEMONSTRATION AND TRAINING PROJECTS IN SUDAN AND INSTRUCTION OF SUDANESE PARTICIPANTS IN THE U.S. PROGRAM COULD PROVIDE HELP IN IMPROVED GEOLOGIC MAPPING TECHNIQUES WITH EMPHASIS ON REMOTE SENSING; CONCEPTS AND TECHNIQUES FOR IDENTIFICATION AND EXPLORATION OF RESOURCES; ANALYTICAL PROCEDURES AND DATA MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS; ASSESSMENT OF KNOWN AND POTENTIAL

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ENERGY, MINERAL, AND WATER RESOURCES; AND OTHER TYPES OF

RESOURCES STUDIES SUCH AS ARE NORMALLY CARRIED OUT BY
USGS. COPIES OF USGS DOCUMENTS SHOWING SCOPE OF USGS

DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS ARE BEING FORWARDED
BY POUCH FOR REFERENCE.

3. COOPERATIVE PROGRAM COULD BE DEVELOPED THROUGH
CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN USGS AND APPROPRIATE SUDANESE
OFFICIALS WITH PARTICIPATION OF EMBASSY PERSONNEL.
BEFORE SUCH CONSULTATIONS ARE SCHEDULED, HOWEVER, USGS
BELIEVES WOULD BE USEFUL TO HAVE MORE INFORMATION FROM
SUDAN CONCERNING SCOPE OF ASSISTANCE DESIRED; SIZE,
FACILITIES, AND CAPACITY OF SUDAN'S GEOLOGICAL SURVEY
AND OTHER RESOURCE INSTITUTIONS; STATUS OF EXISTING
GEOLOGICAL AND RESOURCES PROGRAMS; AND FUTURE PROGRAMS
OR GOALS TO WHICH THE PROPOSED COOPERATION WOULD CONTRI-
BUTE. USGS FEELS STRONGLY THAT EMPHASIS SHOULD BE ON
DEVELOPING CAPABILITY OF COUNTERPARTS AND INSTITUTIONS
AND THEREFORE NEEDS TO KNOW AVAILABILITY OF COUNTER-
PARTS FOR ANY ACTIVITIES TO BE UNDERTAKEN.

4. AS USGS IS A DOMESTIC AGENCY WITH LIMITED AUTHORITY
AND FUNDS FOR WORK ABROAD, PROGRAM WOULD NEED TO BE
AUTHORIZED BY AID UNDER SECTION 607 OF FOREIGN
ASSISTANCE ACT AND FUNDED ON REIMBURSABLE BASIS. THIS
AUTHORIZATION IS REQUIRED FOR ANY USE OF REIMBURSABLE
FUNDS FOR NON-USG SOURCE. ALSO USGS WILL NEED TO INCLUDE
REQUIREMENTS FOR COOPERATION WITH SUDAN IN A REQUEST NOW
BEING PREPARED FOR ADDITIONAL POSITIONS FOR REIMBURSABLE
PROGRAMS ABROAD. KISSINGER

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